CHAPTER 183

KEI SASUGA

KODANSHA COMICS

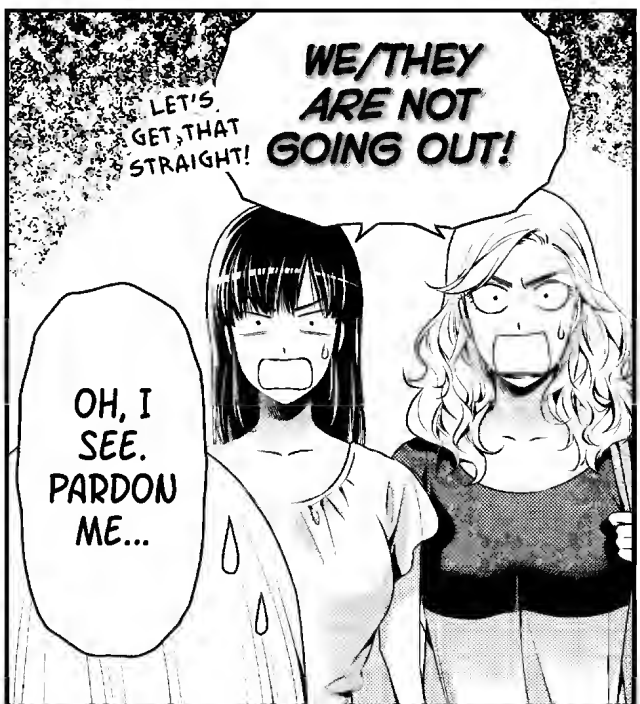
DOME X GIRL
CHAPTER 183: EXPOSED
I'M KENGO TANABE'S ...
...EX-FIANCÉE.
KEI SASUGA

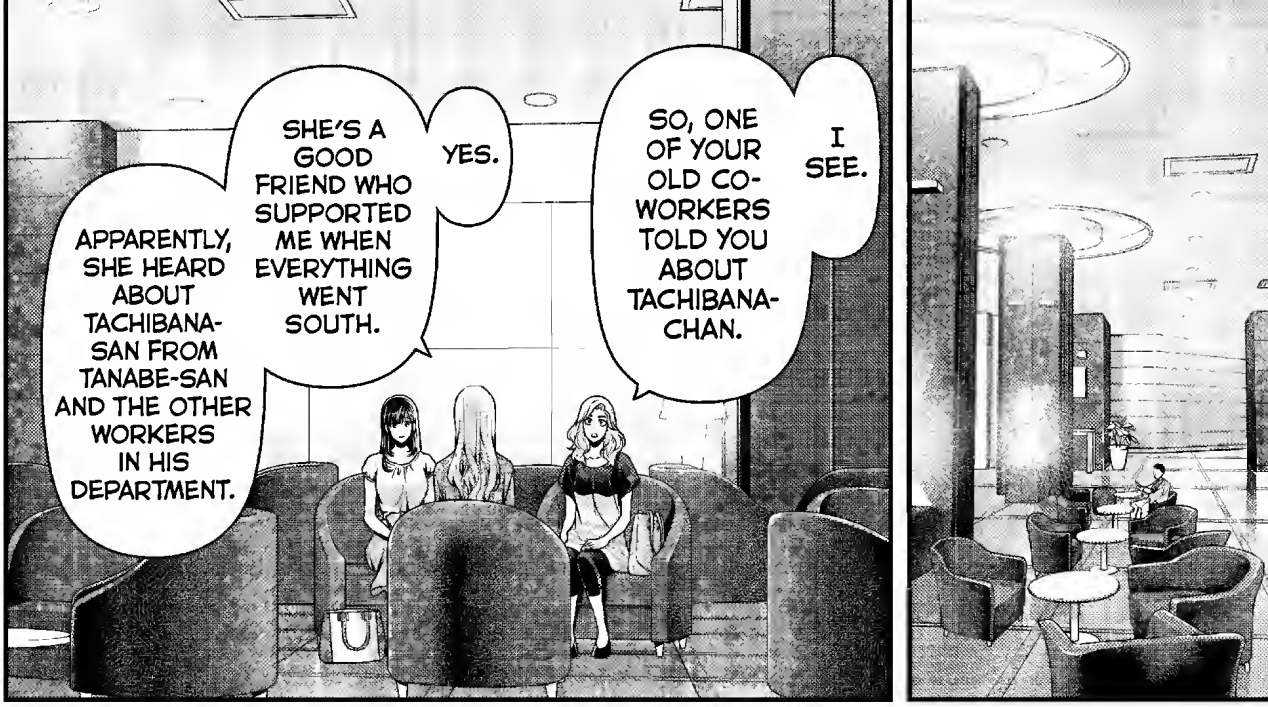
UM...
CAN I JUST SAY SOMETHING FIRST?
YES?

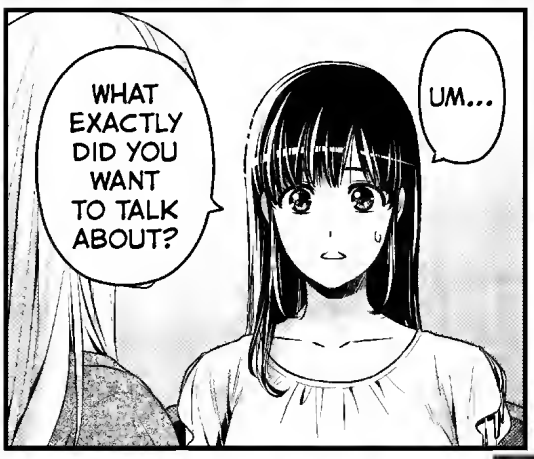
...
HIS...
...EX-FIANCÉE?

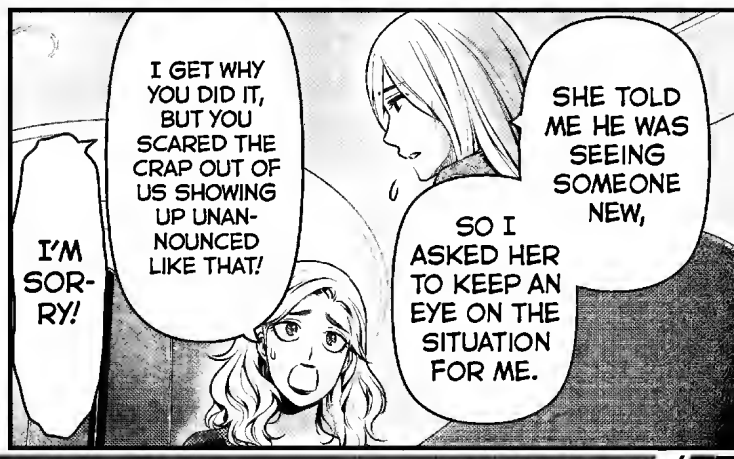
B-BUT, THIS ISN'T REALLY THE BEST PLACE TO CHAT.
LET'S TALK IN THE LOUNGE!

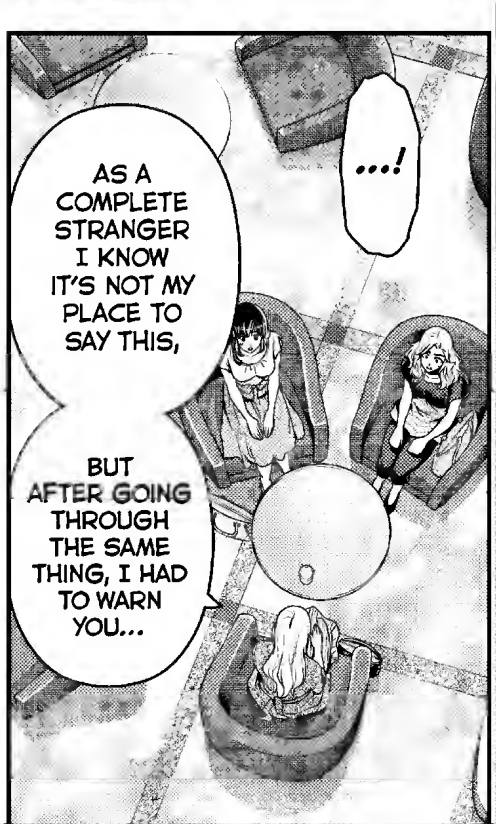
I'M SORRY TO DROP IN ON YOU LIKE THIS.
I ABSOLUTELY NEEDED TO SPEAK TO YOU.


WE/THEY ARE NOT GOING OUT!
LET'S GET THAT STRAIGHT!
OH, I SEE. PARDON ME...


I SEE.
SO, ONE OF YOUR OLD CO-WORKERS TOLD YOU ABOUT TACHIBANA-CHAN.
YES.
SHE'S A GOOD FRIEND WHO SUPPORTED ME WHEN EVERYTHING WENT SOUTH.
APPARENTLY, SHE HEARD ABOUT TACHIBANA-SAN FROM TANABE-SAN AND THE OTHER WORKERS IN HIS DEPARTMENT.


UM...
WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

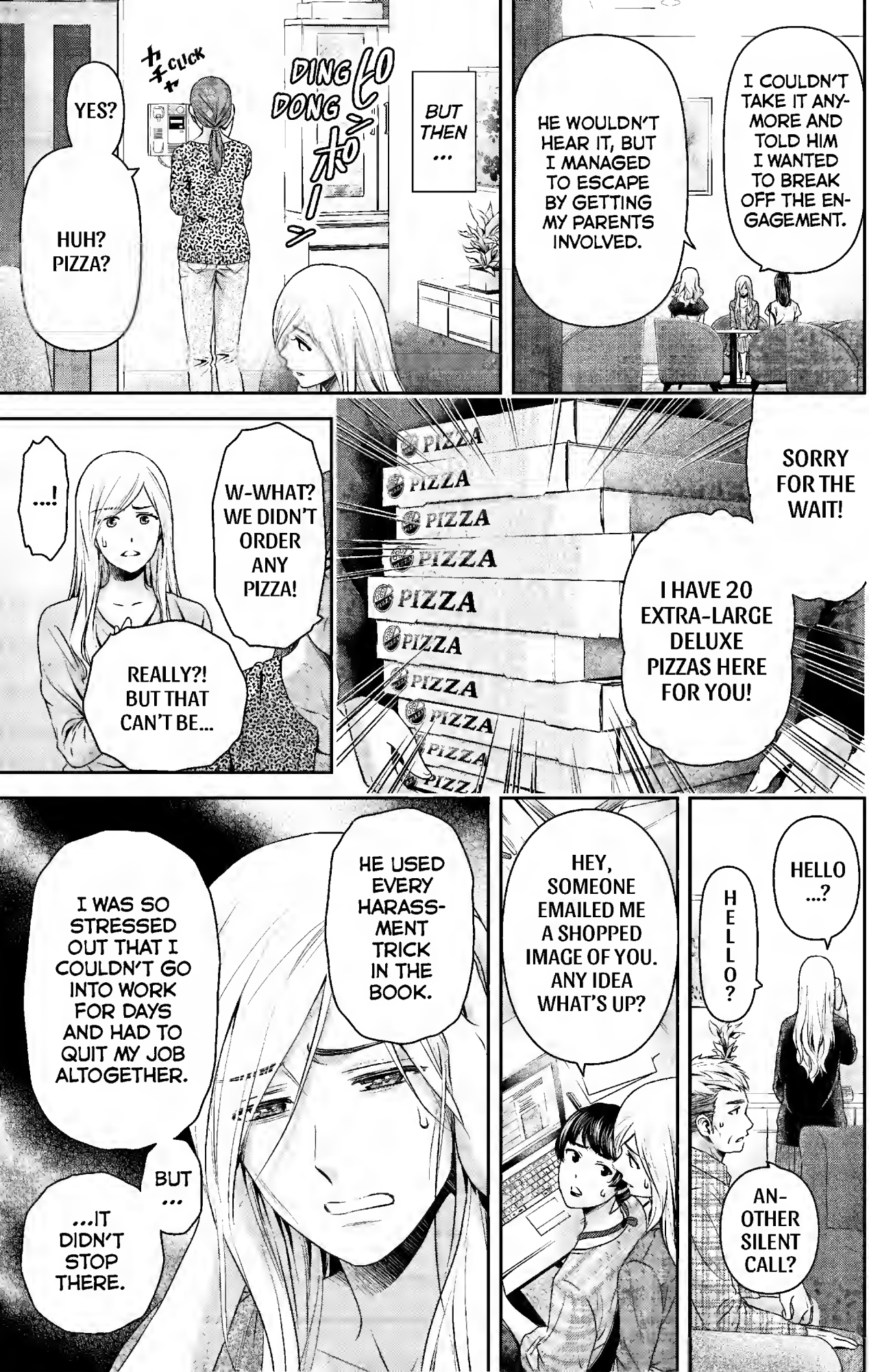

SHE TOLD ME HE WAS SEEING SOMEONE NEW,
SO I ASKED HER TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE SITUATION FOR ME.
I GET WHY YOU DID IT, BUT YOU SCARED THE CRAP OUT OF US SHOWING UP UNANNOUNCED LIKE THAT!
I'M SORRY!


...!
AS A COMPLETE STRANGER I KNOW IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO SAY THIS,
BUT AFTER GOING THROUGH THE SAME THING, I HAD TO WARN YOU...

TO BE PERFECTLY FRANK,
I WANT YOU RUN AWAY AS FAST AS YOU CAN.

UNTIL TWO YEARS AGO, I WAS IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH TANABE-SAN.
WE MET EACH OTHER'S PARENTS AND EVEN GOT ENGAGED ...
HE WAS KIND TO ME BACK WHEN WE WERE JUST DATING.
HE WAS THOUGHTFUL, AND OFTEN ADVISED ME ABOUT MY CAREER.
BUT ...
...AFTER WE GOT ENGAGED...
MIKI SAID THEY WANTED TO PERFORM AT THE WEDDING, SO SHE ASKED ME TO TELL HER WHEN WE DECIDE ON A DATE.
ISN'T THAT GREAT? I CAN'T WAIT.
HEY,
DO YOU MIND NOT JUST INVITING YOUR FRIENDS LIKE THAT?
THEY DON'T HAVE ANY CLASS.
HUH?
I SEE THEM AT COMPANY DINNERS SOMETIMES, BUT THEY'RE ALWAYS LOUD AND UNLADYLIKE.
I'D RATHER NOT HAVE THEM AT THE RECEPTION, YOU KNOW?
YOU SHOULD REALLY BE MORE SELECTIVE ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS.

AND WITH EACH PASSING DAY...
HUH?
IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO REALIZE THAT WASN'T THE CASE.
BUT I THOUGHT HE MIGHT'VE JUST BEEN IN A BAD MOOD THAT DAY.
THAT STRUCK ME AS WEIRD,
EH, IT'S NOT BAD, BUT IT'S NOT GOOD, EITHER.
GET IT TOGETHER BEFORE WE GET MARRIED.
GOD, IT TAKES YOU FOREVER TO DO ANYTHING, KUMI.
IS THERE SOMETHING ACTUALLY WRONG WITH YOU?
OF COURSE YOU'LL QUIT AFTER WE GET MARRIED.
WHO'S GONNA LOOK AFTER THE HOUSE?
DON'T SHOW UP TO OUR DATES SO BADLY DRESSED. YOU MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A JOKE.
YOU'RE SO USELESS.
THAT'S A THIRD-RATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE FOR YA.
WERE YOU RAISED IN A BARN? I SWEAR TO GOD...
I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU SEEMED KINDA DITZY, BUT C'MON...
ARE YOU STUPID OR WHAT?
YOUR INCOMPETENCE SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.
CAN'T YOU FIGURE IT OUT? IT'S SO OBVIOUS.
WELL, AM I WRONG?
GUESS I SHOULDN'T EXPECT MUCH.
TCH...
...
YOU'RE JUST HOPELESS.
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE, MAKING ME WAIT.
HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GONNA MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE?


YES?
HUH? PIZZA?
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DING DONG
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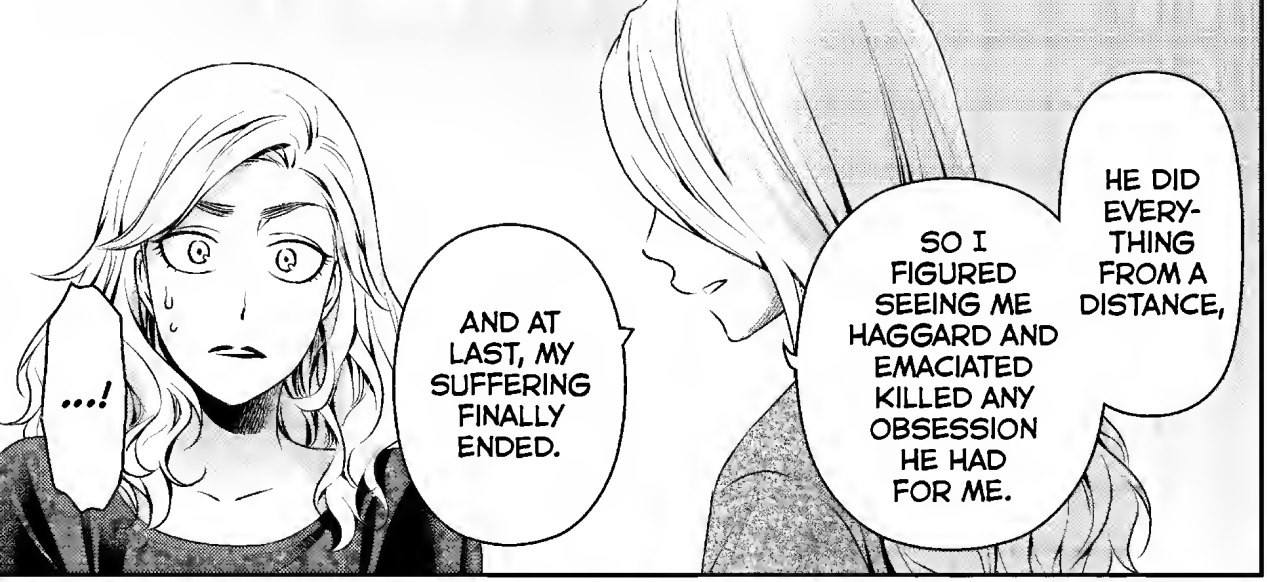
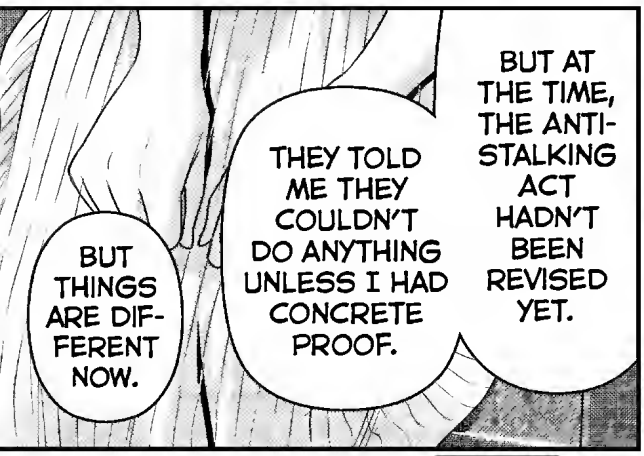
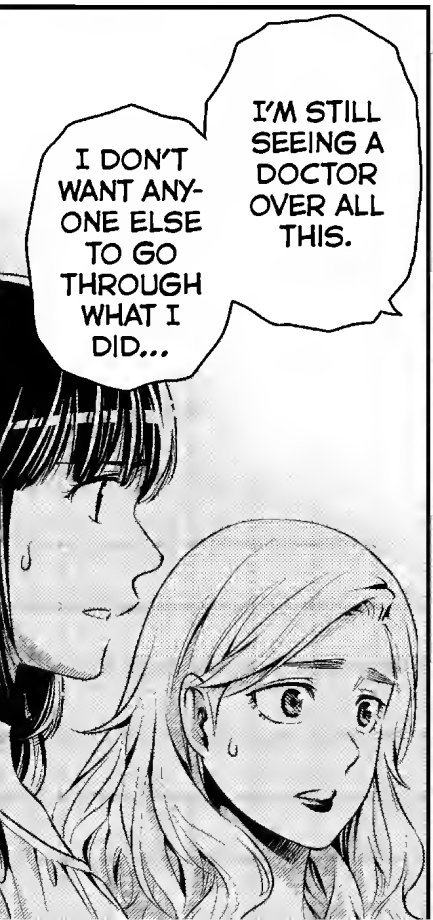
BUT THEN ...
I COULDN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE AND TOLD HIM I WANTED TO BREAK OFF THE ENGAGEMENT.
HE WOULDN'T HEAR IT, BUT I MANAGED TO ESCAPE BY GETTING MY PARENTS INVOLVED.
...!
W-WHAT? WE DIDN'T ORDER ANY PIZZA!
REALLY?! BUT THAT CAN'T BE...
PIZZA
SORRY FOR THE WAIT!
I HAVE 20 EXTRA-LARGE DELUXE PIZZAS HERE FOR YOU!
I WAS SO STRESSED OUT THAT I COULDN'T GO INTO WORK FOR DAYS AND HAD TO QUIT MY JOB ALTOGETHER.
BUT ...
...IT DIDN'T STOP THERE.
HE USED EVERY HARASSMENT TRICK IN THE BOOK.
HEY, SOMEONE EMAILED ME A SHOPPED IMAGE OF YOU. ANY IDEA WHAT'S UP?
HELLO ...?
HELLO?
ANOTHER SILENT CALL?

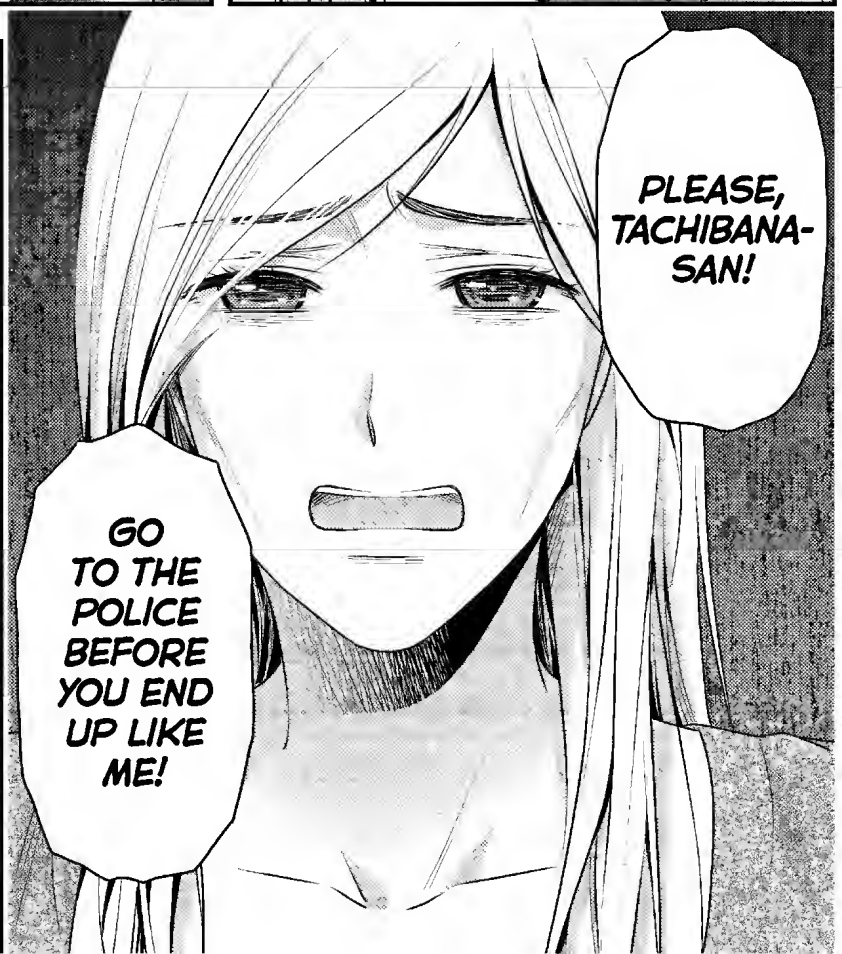
KENGO-SAN!
...I WAS COMPLETELY OVER-WHELMED BY HOPELESS-NESS,
AND FINAL-LY...
I HAD TO START SEEING A DOCTOR ...
...AND MY PARENTS SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL, TOO.
WHEN I THOUGHT THAT HIS HARASS-MENT MIGHT NEVER END...
WHAT MORE COULD YOU POSSI-BLY—
MY PARENTS AND I HAVE SUFFERED ENOUGH!
HOW LONG IS THIS GOING TO LAST?!
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO CRUEL?!
...AND WALKED AWAY WITHOUT SAYING A WORD.
HE JUST LOOKED AT ME LIKE I WAS A PIECE OF GARBAGE ...


HE DID EVERY-THING FROM A DISTANCE,
SO I FIGURED SEEING ME HAGGARD AND EMACIATED KILLED ANY OBSESSION HE HAD FOR ME.
AND AT LAST, MY SUFFERING FINALLY ENDED.
...!


BUT AT THE TIME, THE ANTI-STALKING ACT HADN'T BEEN REVISED YET.
THEY TOLD ME THEY COULDN'T DO ANYTHING UNLESS I HAD CONCRETE PROOF.
BUT THINGS ARE DIF-FERENT NOW.

B-BUT COULDN'T YOU HAVE DONE SOMETHING BEFORE THINGS GOT THAT BAD?
LIKE GO TO THE POLICE ...
I DID.


I'M STILL SEEING A DOCTOR OVER ALL THIS.
I DON'T WANT ANY-ONE ELSE TO GO THROUGH WHAT I DID...


PLEASE, TACHIBANA-SAN!
GO TO THE POLICE BEFORE YOU END UP LIKE ME!

TACHI-
BANA-
CHAN!

I'M
TAKING
OFF
FOR THE
NIGHT.
TAKE
IT
EASY.

WELL...
WHAT IF HE
BOTHERS THE
HOTEL AGAIN
BECAUSE
OF IT?
WHY
?!
NO...
I'M STILL
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FENCE.

HAVE
YOU
GONE
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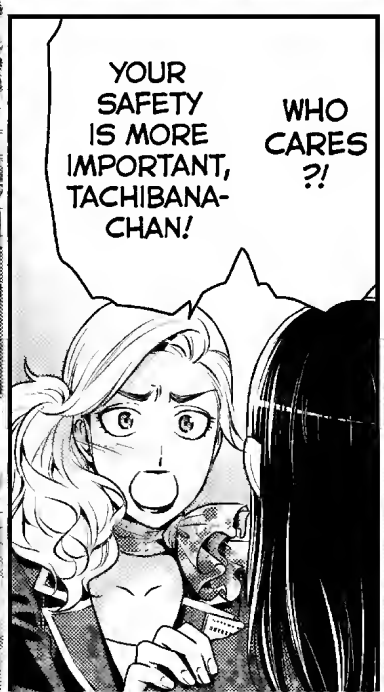
YOUR
SAFETY
IS MORE
IMPORTANT,
TACHIBANA-
CHAN!
WHO
CARES
?!

I SHOULD PROBABLY TELL MOM BEFORE I TALK TO THE POLICE, ANYWAY.
I WONDER IF MY LINE LOG COUNTS AS PROOF...

SITE MAP
Metropolitan Police Department
POLICE HELP HOTLINE
警察相談ダイヤル
#9110
FOR WORRIES AND CONCERNS, CALL: #9110
We make a comprehensive effort to listen to all varieties of concerns and offer guidance to suit your needs. This line cannot be reached through rotary phon
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SHUDDER

TAK
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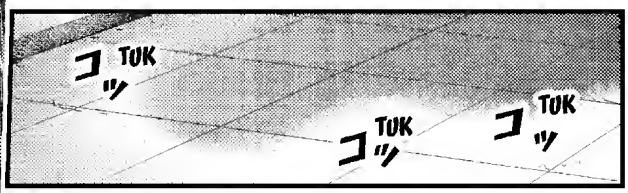
I'M ALWAYS WORRY-ING HER.
UGH...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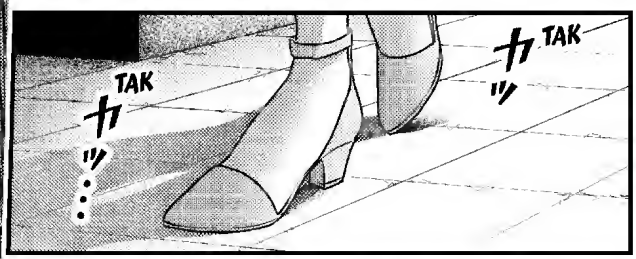
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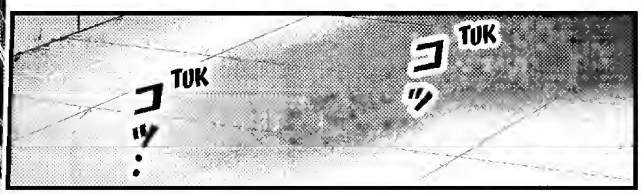
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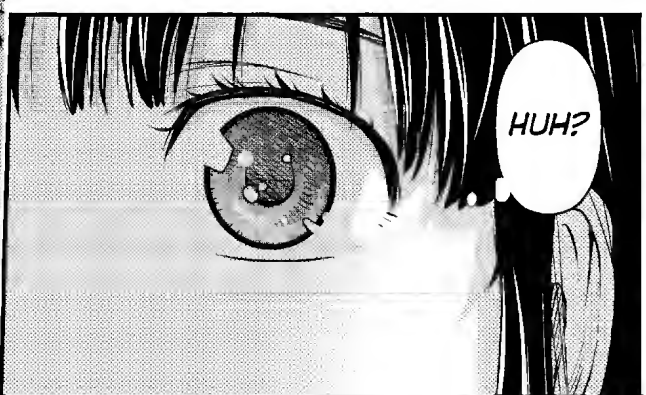
HUH?

WHAT THE ...?
I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING WATCHED.
IS SOMEONE FOLLOW-ING ME?
DON'T TELL ME...
CL
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PHOTO
SQUARE
PANO

WHY?!
TAK
HOW DID HE KNOW WHEN I WAS LEAVING WORK?!
TAK
OR, WHAT, HAS HE BEEN WAITING FOR ME EVERY DAY?
TAK
OH, YEAH.
AT TIMES LIKE THESE,
THEY SAY YOU SHOULD PRETEND TO BE ON THE PHONE WITH SOMEONE.
OH!
HELLO?
YEAH. I'M ON MY WAY BACK NOW.
WANT ME TO PICK ANYTHING UP?
OKAY.
GOT IT.
SURE THING.
Mobile
History
Favorites
プルルルル TRRRRR
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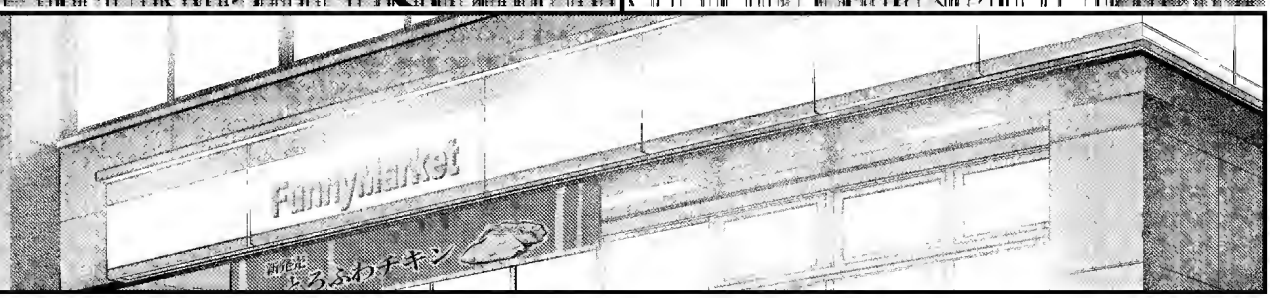
WHAT'S UP, HINA-NEE?
CALLING NATSUO-KUN (Mobile)
... PRESS IT WITH MY CHEEK ?!
DID I...
HUH ...?
YES?
HELLO ?
SURE ...
NO, BUT... WE SHOULD DEFINITELY GO AGAIN SOMETIME.
HA, HA. WHAT'S WITH THAT?
DO YOU WANNA GET RAMEN AGAIN OR SOMETHING?
O-OH, UM...
I WAS JUST WONDER-ING WHAT YOU WERE UP TO.
...
WHERE ARE YOU?
BEFORE YOU ASK, NO, I'M NOT DRUNK.
HINA-NEE, YOUR VOICE SOUNDS KINDA... SHAKY.
HUH? REAL-LY?
PROBABLY BECAUSE I'M WALK-ING AND TALKING.
HUH? I'M ON MY WAY HOME.
WHERE EXACTLY?
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
JUST TELL ME WHERE YOU ARE.
DON'T WORRY. I JUST WANTED TO HEAR YOUR VOICE A LITTLE.

HINA-NEE!
WHERE ARE YOU?!


FunnyMarket

BLADE

HEY.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
!
TANABE-SAN.
YOU WERE TAILING HINA-NEE, WEREN'T YOU?
HEY. YOU'RE HINA-SAN'S LITTLE BROTHER, RIGHT?
LONG TIME NO SEE.
I WAS JUST ON MY WAY HOME.
AND... TAILING HER? PLEASE.
LET'S NOT GO MAKING FALSE ACCUSA-TIONS, SHALL WE?
THEN WHY WAS HINA-NEE SO SCARED?

HA, HA.
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
HINA-NEE THIS, HINA-NEE THAT.
ACTU-ALLY...
A LITTLE ATTACHED TO YOUR SISTER, AREN'T YOU?
...I'D SAY...
...YOU ALMOST SOUND LIKE YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT A LOVER.
YOU'RE IN COLLEGE, RIGHT?
YOU CAN'T CLING TO BIG SIS FOREVER, Y'KNOW.

HE TOOK OFF.
I'LL WALK YOU HOME TONIGHT.
UM...
I'M REALLY SORRY.

WEEN
YOU OKAY, HINA-NEE?
NATSUO-KUN!

EVER SINCE ...
...I TURNED HIM DOWN.

HOW LONG HAS THIS BEEN GOING ON?

WHAT THE HELL?! YOU HAVE TO TELL US ABOUT THIS KIND OF SHIT!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS TRY TO SOLVE EVERYTHING BY YOURSELF?!
WHAT'D I TELL YOU WHEN YOU RESTED AT MY PLACE AFTER YOU COLLAPSED ?!
AND WHEN WE GOT RAMEN TOGETHER!
I WORRY MYSELF SICK ABOUT YOU BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS PRETEND YOU'RE FINE!
WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?!

YOU BETTER CALL ME THE SECOND SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS AGAIN.
BUT ...
DO IT!
PROMISE ME!

I'M SORRY. I...
I DIDN'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU...
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SIIIIGH.
I SWEAR TO GOD.

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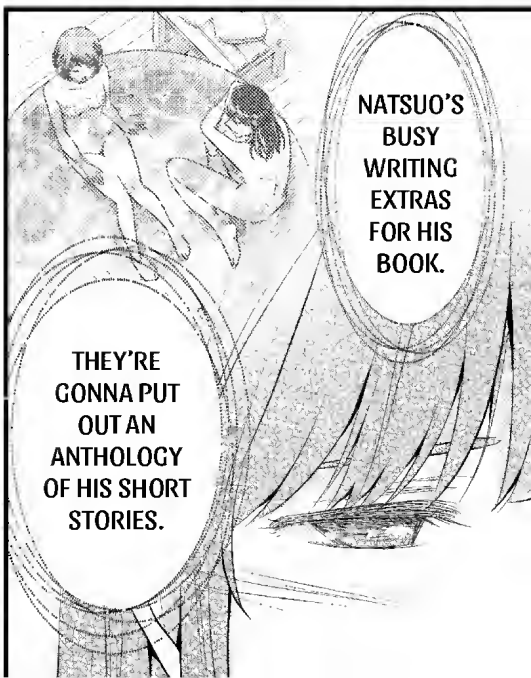
OKAY.


NATSUO'S BUSY WRITING EXTRAS FOR HIS BOOK.
THEY'RE GONNA PUT OUT AN ANTHOLOGY OF HIS SHORT STORIES.

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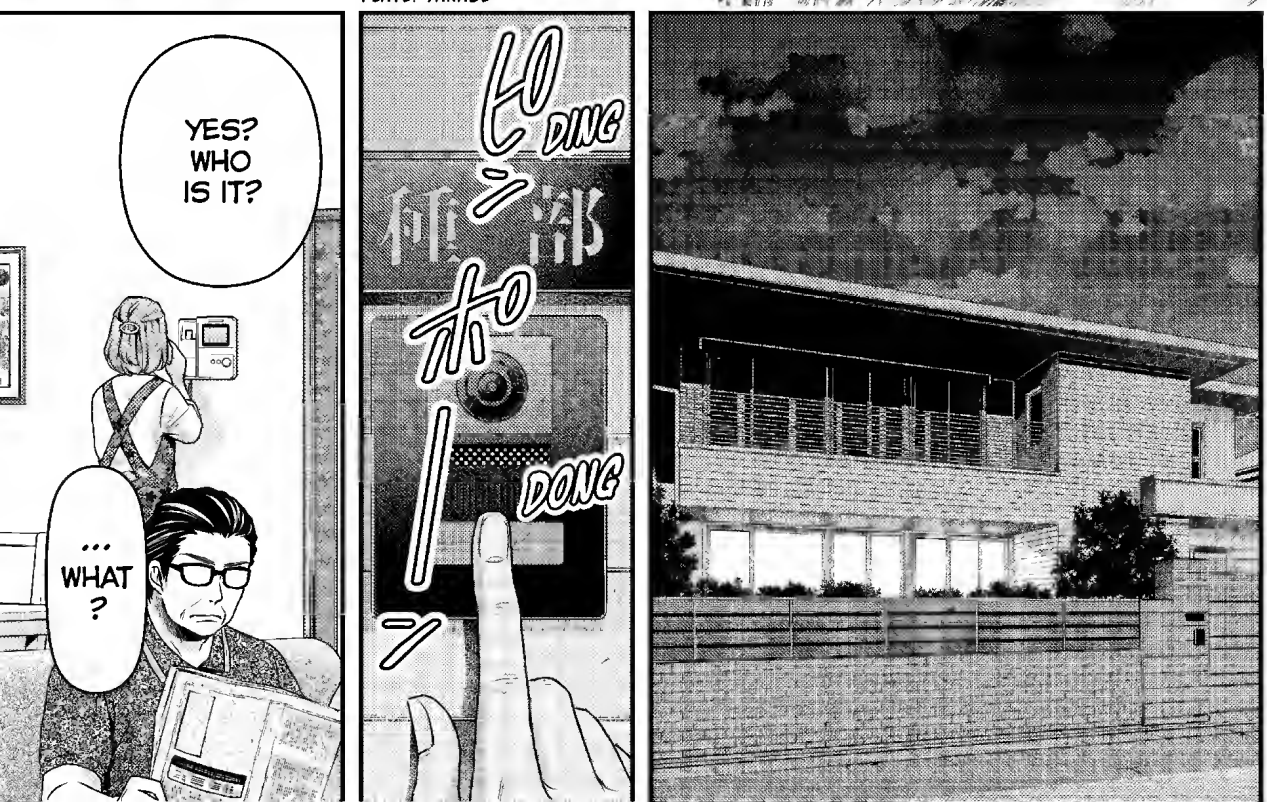

KENGO!
COME HERE, PLEASE!
WHAT, MOM? WHY ARE YOU YELLING...?
JUST GET DOWN HERE!
WHERE'S THE FI–
GOOD EVE-NING. KENGO TANABE, I PRE-SUME?
WE'RE WITH THE POLICE.